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The SBA to Honor New York Small Business Persons and Champions of the Year

New York, NY--- In celebration of presidentially declared *National Small Business Week 2009*, the New York District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration will honor the area's top entrepreneurs and small business advocates at an awards ceremony on **April 22, 2009**.

The awards will recognize companies that have demonstrated growth, success, job creation or retention and community involvement, as well as individuals who have mentored and/or championed small businesses.

In addition to the *2009 Small Business Person of the Year*, award categories include: Family-owned Small Business; Small Business Journalist; Financial Services Champion; Minority Small Business Champion; Veteran's Small Business Champion; and Women in Business Champion.

Winners were nominated and selected from within the SBA's New York district which includes New York City, Long Island and the downstate counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester.

The recipient of the country's most prestigious small business award--- *National Small Business Person of the Year*--- will be selected from among 50 state winners and announced at the *National Small Business Week 2009* ceremony in Washington, DC, April 18-22, 2009.

"We invite elected officials, our partners in economic development and individuals who care about small business to join us in honoring the winners at our event," said SBA spokesman John J. Miller. "Several of our district winners also captured awards for best in the SBA's Region II, which includes New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands," added Miller.

The ceremony will held at the historic Consolidated Edison Building, 4 Irving Place, 19th fl, New York, NY from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **The event is free and open to the public** but space is limited. To register contact the SBA at: 212-264-1473 **by April 16, 2009**.

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